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SUBJECT: JUNE 13 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

RLG, IN FIRST OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR ARREST OF ROSEMARY CONWAY, SAID THURSDAY SHE'S BEING HELD IN POLICE STATION CELL BECAUSE HAS "ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE NATION AND PEOPLE OF LAOS AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO SOW INSTABILITY IN THE KINGDOM" (AP SUN, UNCLASSIFIED

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WP, PHINQ). AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS NO SUCCESS IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WIN CONWAY RELEASE (PHINQ).

WP (VIENTIANE) DISPATCH SAYS HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS

OF LAOTIAN ARMY AND CIVIL SERVANTS OF NON-COMMUNIST
SIDE ARE UNDERGOING RE-EDUCATION COURSE UNDER PL
CADRES AS PART OF MOVE TO REUNITE COUNTRY.

NYT'S ANDELMAN, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS INTERVIEWS WITH
SOME CAMBODIANS, CAUGHT IN FORCED POPULATION SHIFT
FROM CITIES, WHO ESCAPED TO THAI BORDER. THEY SAY
URBAN EXODUS OVER, BUT NEW REGIME FACING PROBLEMS
RANGING FROM CHOLERA TO SHORTAGE OF FARM TOOLS FOR RICE
CULTIVATION; NO EVIDENCE SEEN OF BRUTALITY BY COMMUNIST

OFFICERS; TRAVEL OUTSIDE DISTRICTS SEVERELY RESTRICTED,
WITH PERMITS REQUIRED EVEN FOR MOVEMENT FROM ONE
TOWNSHIP TO ANOTHER.

AP (BANGKOK) SAYS CAMBODIA, THAI GUNBOATS ENGAGED IN
HOUR-LONG DUEL THURSDAY OFF SE THAI COAST (GLOBE, WP).
REUTER (BANGKOK) ADDS REPORT THAT SEVERAL HOURS LATER,
15-MINUTE KR-THAI GUNBATTLE TOOK PLACE NEAR ARANYAPRATHET.

TASS (SAIGON) CLAIMS FIGHTING CONTINUES IN SVN,
QUOTES CHAIRMAN OF SAIGON MIL ADMIN COMMITTEE THAT
SCATTERED, UNORGANIZED COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS
INTERFERE WITH NORMALIZATION PROCESS. UNIDENTIFIED
HIGH-RANKING NVN OFFICIAL TELLS JAPANESE NEWSMEN THAT
POLITICAL PARTIES AND ARMED FORCES IN BOTH VIETNAMS
HAVE BEEN MERGED (CHITRIB, WP, PHINQ).

REPORTED IN SAIGON THAT FORMER ARVN MEMBERS HAVE
BEGUN RE-EDUCATION COURSES UNDER NEW SVN GOVT
(CHITRIB). UPI (SAIGON) ADDS THAT COURSES BEING
HELD AT SAIGON SCHOOLS, WITH ARMED GUARDS PRESENT TO
BAR ANY ATTEMPTED TERRORISM (NYDN).

SAIGON MEDICAL, DENTAL, PHARMACEUTICAL COLLEGES
REOPENED THURSDAY, ACCORDING HANOI BROADCAST (WP, PHINQ).

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NVN HINTED THURSDAY IT FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT SEA COMMON
MARKET, NHAN DAN OBSERVING AREA BELONGS TO SEASIANS
ALONE. SOME OBSERVERS THINK ARTICLE INDICATES HANOI
WANTS REGION FREE FROM ALLOUTSIDE INTERESTS -- US
AND SOCIALIST POWERS (AFP, NYT).

SUN REPORTER CATCHES KY AT BALT-WASH-INT AIRPORT,
ENROUTE TO CALIFORNIA, SURROUNDED BY WIFE, SON,
FOUR US AIDES, APPROXIMATELY 20 PIECES LUGGAGE.
KY DECLINED INTERVIEW, BUT HAD AUDIENCE IN STITCHES
WITH ANECDOTES ABOUT LONG-DISTANCE CALLS FROM
NIXON AND LBJ'S DOWN-HOME HUMOR. CHITRIB CARRIES
UPI PHOTO OF GEN LE NGUYEN KHANG ARRIVING IN ST. LOUIS

THURSDAY ON WAY TO NEW HOME IN AREA.

2. JAPAN

MIKI TELLS PARLIAMENT SK WILL BE OF PRIMARY CONCERN AT SUMMIT TALKS WITH PRES FORD, EXPECTED EARLY AUG IN WASHINGTON. ALSO PLANS DISCUSS INT'L FOOD AND

ENERGY ISSUES, US-JAPAN BILATERAL RELATIONS (REUTER, WP).

GOJ RECALLS SVN AMB HIROSHI HITOMI, AFTER REQUEST BY PRG. JAPANESE FONMIN SAYS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED UPON SAIGON ARRIVAL NEW JAPANESE AMB, YET TO BE NAMED (REUTER NYT).

NEGOTIATIONS RESUME FRIDAY CONCERNING 17.2 MIL DOL GRANT TO NVN, ESTABLISHMENT EMBASSIES IN HANOI AND TOKYO. AGREEMENT MADE 1973 FOR NVN-JAPAN RELATIONS, BUT EMBASSY OPENINGS DELAYED AFTER HANOI DEMANDED RECOGNITION PRG WHILE JAPAN STILL HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RVN (WP).

3. BURMA

SITDOWN STRIKES SPREAD AT GOVT-RUN FACTORIES; MORE TROOPS SEEN IN RANGOON WHERE AUTHORITIES TRY HALT STUDENT PROTESTS. STUDENTS DEMAND RELEASE DEMONSTRATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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TORS HELD SINCE DEC, SEEK GOVT ACTION AGAINST RISING LIVING COSTS, UNEMPLOYMENT (UPI NYT, PHINQ).

4. INDONESIA

SUHARTO TO VISIT IRAN JUNE 26-30, THEN YUGOSLAVIA AND CANADA BEFORE TALKS WITH PRES FORD IN US JULY 5 (REUTER, WP).

5. MACAO

TALKS CONCERNING FUTURE PORTUGUESE TIMOR, SCHEDULED OPEN JUNE 15, POSTPONED. GOVT SAYS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MACAO, BUT NO DATE SET; NO REASON GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT (WP).

6. CHINA

JOC'S LUKOMSKI OBSERVES PRC ECON/TRADE EXHIBIT OPENS JUNE 13 AT COLOGNE FAIR GROUNDS -- FIRST SUCH PEKING EFFORT IN GERMANY AND BIGGEST OF ITS KIND SO FAR IN ALL EUROPE.

7. AUSTRALIA

MILLAR (CSM) REPORTS AUSSIE CABINET'S "RESHUFFLE"
BRINGS MORE MODERATE LABOR PARTY MEN TO FOREFRONT.
UPCOMING APPT NEW TREASURER ALSO PRESAGES CHANGE
IN ECONOMIC POLICY, INCLUDING TOUGH BUDGET, GOVT
SPENDING CUT.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL CORP SEEKING LARGER MARKET IN US;
OPENS NY OFFICE AS PART OF PROGRAM. AWC'S CHRMN
SEES SUBSTANTIAL MARKET POTENTIAL HERE (JOC).

GOA TO CRACK DOWN ON REPTILE-SMUGGLING TRADE. ILLEGAL
TRAFFICKING BRINGS PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS HUGE
PROFITS, WITH ORDINARY SNAKES BRINGING 6.50 DOLS
PER INCH ON FOREIGN BLACK MARKETS (KENT, CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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8. INDOCHINA

PHINQ CITES SOME "SALIENT LESSONS" OF VN: US
HAD NO NATIONAL INTEREST IN SEA INTERVENTION;
WAS NEVER POSSIBLE FOR US TO SHAPE DESTINY THESE
PEOPLES; STRUGGLE THERE WAS POLITICAL WITHOUT MILITARY
SOLUTION; DEGRADING FOR US TO SUPPORT NATIONS NO
MORE "FREEDOM-LOVING" THAN COMMUNISTS; WE LET MEANS
RUN AWAY WITH ENDS IN SEA THROUGH "SEARCH AND DESTROY"
MISSIONS, DEFOLIATION, ETC; AND NO ONE CAN JUSTIFY
WAY HIGHEST ELECTED US OFFICIALS LIED AND DECEIVED
AMERICAN PUBLIC.

WSTAR'S NOYES (6/12) CITES DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEASANT-
ORIENTED CAMBODIAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND THOSE IN
LAOS AND VN, WHICH CONTROLLED LARGELY BY INTELLECTUALS.
DEPLORES "INCREDIBLY HARSH" TREATMENT KHMER COMMUNISTS
INFLECTING ON OWN PEOPLE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT DEPLORES "NUCLEAR MADNESS" OF ROC'S REPORTED
SEARCH FOR PLUTONIUM SEPARATION PLANT AND FRANCE'S
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SK AND OTHERS FOR EXPORT OF SIMILAR
FACILITIES. WARNS IF HALF DOZEN SUCH COUNTRIES
ENTER NUCLEAR CLUB, PRESSURE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL GROW
IN JAPAN, ELSEWHERE, TO DO SAME.

9. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO STATES JAPAN'S 100 PCT LITERACY
RATE TURNED NEWSPAPER BUSINESS INTO HUGE INDUSTRY THERE.
NOTES JAPANESE PRESS RELUCTANT SUBJECT OFFICIALS TO

PUBLIC SCRUTINY, AS PUBLICLY LOSING FACE OFTEN
CONSIDERED "FATE WORSE THAN DEATH." SAYS THIS FACT
ALLOWS JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS "WIELD GREATER POWER THAN
IN PERHAPS ANY OTHER NATION."

10. KOREA

DEV MAURARKA (CHICAGO SUN-TIMES 6/3) REPORTS MOSCOW
"NERVOUS" KIM IL-SUNG MAY GO TO WAR, THEN DEPEND
UPON SOVIET, PRC BAIL HIM OUT. SAYS SOVIET FAR
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EAST EXPERTS TRYING "COOL OFF KIM" AS SOVIET, PRC
REALIZE US READY TAKE TOUGH STAND ON KOREA, WHICH
COULD CREATE "UNCONTROLLABLE SITUATION."
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